12 June 1975

NOTE FOR: All NIOs

Per our discussion at our 12 June meeting, attached is the President's letter to (among others) the DCI, together with Mr. Colby's comments thereon, circulated to all members of the Executive Committee.

Copies of the Rockefeller Commission report have been placed in each of your boxes and by the time you receive this note, they should have been delivered to you.

I was quite serious in saying that the DCI would welcome your comments, recommendations and suggestions on any of the concrete recommendations made by the Rockefeller Commission, on any of the issues raised in or by its report, and on any other matters germane to the central issues which face us all at this time: how to structure a U.S. intelligence community, the Office of the DCI, and the Central Intelligence Agency in a manner that will meet the intelligence needs and requirements of the U.S. Government in the last quarter of this century and, simultaneously, be in harmony with our Constitution, our laws and the general nature of our society.

George A. Carver, Jr.
Deputy for National Intelligence Officers

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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF TREASURY
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT:

Report of the Commission on Central Intelligence Activities Within the United States

On January 4, 1975, I established a Commission on Central Intelligence Activities Within the United States to determine whether any domestic activities of the CIA exceeded the Agency's statutory authority. The Commission has completed its work and has submitted a report which contains a number of recommendations for changes in the framework within which U.S. intelligence activities are conducted. I have reviewed the report and believe that it establishes a sound basis for addressing structural and other possible weaknesses in the operation of the CIA and other intelligence bodies.

It is vital to the national security and foreign policy of the United States that we preserve and strengthen our intelligence institutions and capabilities. It is equally important that all government intelligence activities strictly observe constitutional guarantees against the violation of individual civil liberties. Within this context, I request that you review the report and provide me your comments on the report and its recommendations as soon as possible.

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